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Submission re Dendrobium extension project SSD8194

I object to the expansion of the Dendrobium mine for the following reasons.

Drinking water is a resource far more valuable than coal for the Sydney – Wollongong population currently estimated at 5 million and certain to grow over the 28 years of the project. Given that, WaterNSW have argued that mining in the Special Area causes loss of yield to the reservoirs and the swamps and water courses that recharge them. In addition, given that potential damage to the Nepean, Cordeaux and Avon Reservoirs plus tributary streams is recognised by the DPIE it is clear there is no rational basis for approval.

Why would the NSW government not take the advice of its own experts and protect our drinking water resource?

The upland swamps of the Woronora Plateau have been classified as Endangered Ecological Communities, their significant biodiversity dependent on the water holding capacity of the swamps and vulnerable to drying if there is movement of the underlying strata. The upland swamps also have a significant function in the capture and slow release of water into the reservoirs in times of drought. Again, the NSW government's own experts have identified why the upland swamps should be protected.

I believe it is essential that the NSW government deals realistically with the climate emergency. There must be the earliest possible transition away from consumption of coal. Workers must be provided with opportunities for retraining and alternative industries. Continued expansion of coal mining setting in place another 28 years of extraction goes against expert opinion throughout the western world.

Yours faithfully,

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